Computer Self- Evaluation

When I first learned that I had to take an Introduction to Computers course at the college, I thought it would honestly be a waste of time teaching me things I already knew. If you had asked me, I knew just about everything you really needed to know about computers, especially the basics. Then on the first day of the course, I learned so many new things, it was almost like a foreign language to me. I never knew that CPU stood for Central Processing Unit and what all the other terms meant or had to do with a computer. Because I knew about the Microsoft Office programs such as Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Publisher, etc., I thought I knew all there was to know, but even with that, I learned new things throughout the course.

In high school, I took a Microsoft Office class and learned the basics of some of the programs. I worked with documents, spreadsheets, and PowerPoint presentations every day and considered myself advanced. But when we began to really get into the programs in the computer course at the college, I found myself learning how to do things that I never knew the programs were even capable of creating. I never knew about some of the templates in Word, that you could create special effects in PowerPoint, or even what a pivot table was in Excel. If it were left up to me before this course, I would have bought a computer based on its looks and what people thought of it. Today, I understand to look at the different components that we learned and apply that to my needs and how I intend to use a computer.

Overall, I would consider myself proficient when using computers. When I look back on where I was and how far I have come, I am very proud and grateful that I took the Introduction to Computers course. It has not only been helpful for me, but now I can show my family members how to do different things such as creating flyers for family events, planners, calendars, you name it. I am most grateful that I am almost 100% sure that I will use the skills that I developed for my career as an X-ray technician and be an asset to the facility in which I will one day work.